

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, here we are in March. May I begin by wishing you a happy St David's Day. The daffodils are coming out and the days are getting longer after what has been a rather grey and wet winter.

I do hope you all enjoyed the break from school last week. We were welcomed back on Monday with our playground looking smarter and more ready for our outdoor days of learning. My grateful thanks to Mr Page and Mrs Turner for all their hard work in getting so many premises jobs done last week. I would now like to give some love to our allotment space as I know this has been a valued learning space in previous years.

This week we have been doing some very satisfying Spring cleaning around School – you may well have spotted the skip outside. The classroom patios are being set up for sunny days of outside learning ahead. Once we are all shipshape, I know the children are going to help keep our beautiful site clean and tidy.

This term we have been looking closely at our curriculum and you may have spotted some updates on our website. We are very excited to have purchased some new IT equipment and the children will be starting to use them in the coming weeks.

For the next two staff meetings we are to welcome Anne Gorolini into school for update Subject Leadership training. Anne is the District School Effectiveness Adviser for East Herts and I know she will be so impressed with everyone's dedicated hard work in leading their subjects.

In addition, we are to welcome our School Improvement Partner, Usha Dhorajiwala, into School on Monday when we shall be having an Ofsted-esque 'Deep Dive' into Art and Design. Mrs Wright is our subject lead and my thanks to her for all her hard work in re-visiting our curriculum with all staff.

Booking for Parent Conversations is now live through Arbor. The meetings will be in person, either on Thursday 14th March (3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.) or on Monday 18th March (3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.) We are all looking forward to meeting you soon. Please do sign up for these meetings.

Next week we shall be assessing the children's attainment so far this term and then the teachers will be coming along to meet with me to discuss each child's progress to date before they report to you. I'm sure we shall be celebrating as I know how hard everyone, children and staff alike, are working.

I am delighted to share with you the wonderful news that we have recently appointed two fantastic, experienced teachers to our staffing team.

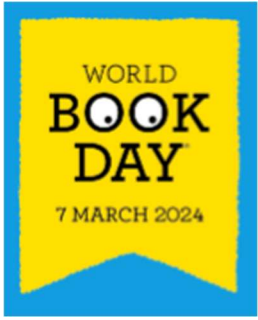
One is to work in Class 3 on Tuesdays, alongside Miss Williams and Mrs Nicholson. She is to come in next Tuesday to fully meet the children and for her induction.

The second teacher is to start after the Easter holidays and will work alongside our Early Years team in Class 1 on Fridays. I'm sure you will join us in making these two new teachers very welcome to our lovely school.

I do hope the sun shines this weekend. Have a lovely time with your loved ones.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher



On the 7th of March it is World book day. Last year, the children were asked to decorate a toilet roll tube as a favourite book character and this was a great success. The entries were amazingly varied and creative. Instead of the children dressing up, we would like to repeat the idea, but open it up to decorate either a cardboard tube or if they would prefer, a wooden spoon.

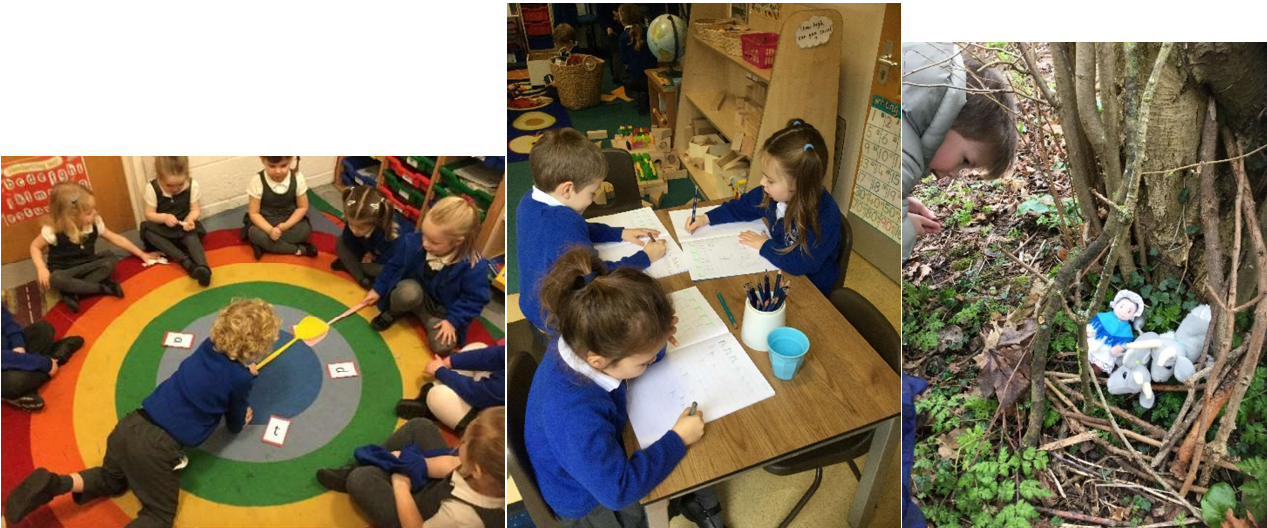


The choice is yours. The entries will be displayed in the library and a winner will be chosen from each class.

CLASS 1

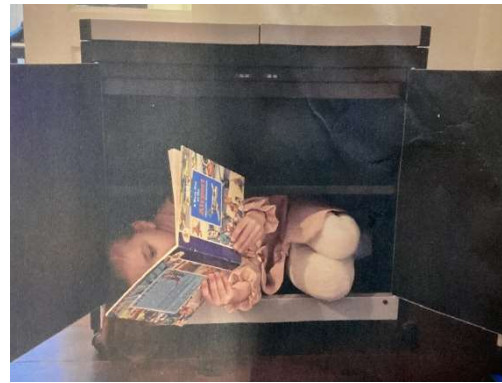
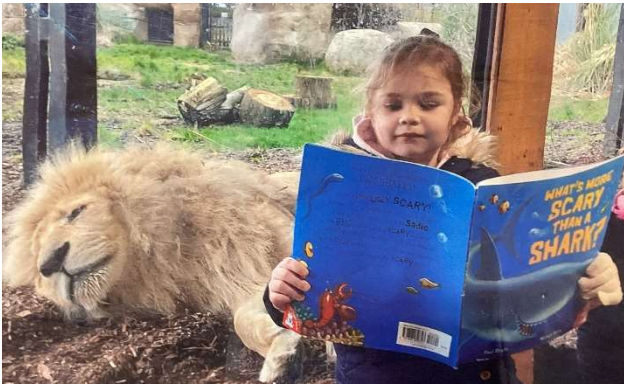
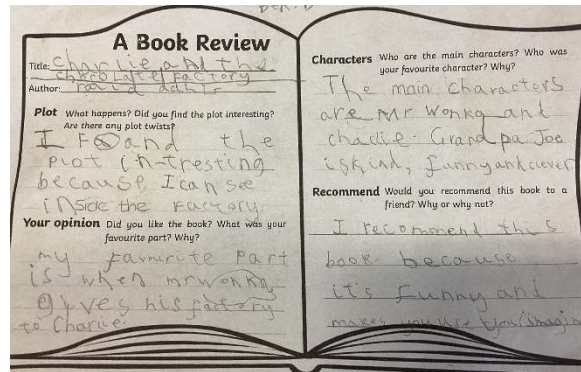
Class 1 have been very busy. Nursery have been exploring their knowledge of letter sounds through play. Reception have been practising letter formation. The children have been exploring ways of making structures during our forest school session. They have been learning about how to look after pets and enjoying role play in our Vet's Surgery. To celebrate a busy and productive half term, the children made heart-shaped sandwiches for a special snack!

This week we are very proud of our Stars of the Week who are Wilf and Maisie



CLASS 2

We have had a busy first week back! We have enjoyed sharing your photos and book reviews from the reading challenge set over half term. Here are a few examples! Well done everyone!



In art we have had our first lesson in 'exploring watercolour'. The children explored what happened when they added more water or put water colour paint onto wet paper as well as different mark making with the brushes.



Our new topic in Science is 'Scientists and Inventors'. We started by learning about the Danish inventor Ole Kirk Christiansen who invented Lego. We were keen to watch how Lego is made and could name the materials used and properties of Lego. Many of the children were surprised to learn that Lego is older than our parents!

We then looked at how Zoos have changed for the better due to George Motterhead who opened the first modern zoo which is Chester Zoo without cages. We had a go at sorting and

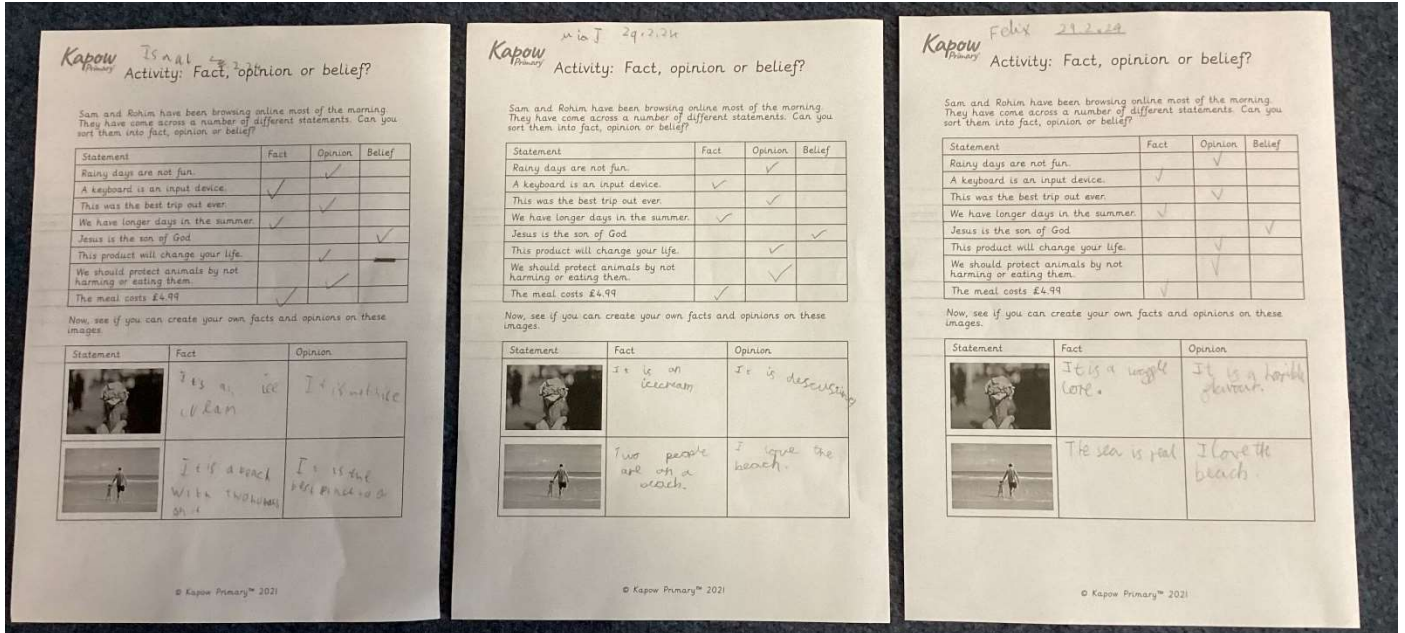
classifying animals to create our own zoos. We had to look at their features like how many legs they had, whether they had fins or fur.



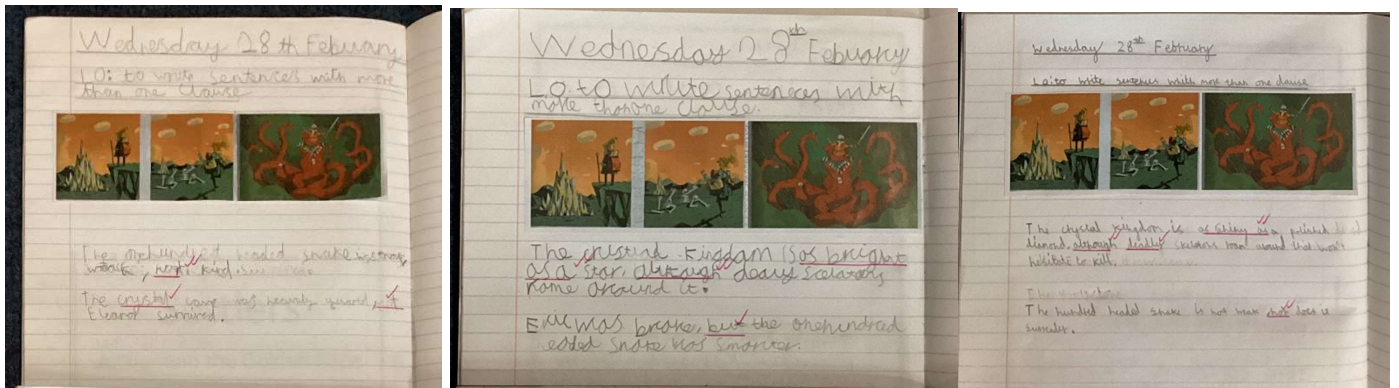
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CLASS 3

In Computing, we looked at facts, opinions and beliefs for our online safety lesson. We explored why many people sharing the same opinions or beliefs online, does not make those opinions or beliefs true.



In English, we have started our new story of 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. We wrote sentences containing more than one clause describing what we could see in the images from the first few pages.



Our certificate award winners this week were everyone who participated in the dance festival – they have rehearsed very hard and practised in their own time – well done all of you!

Useful dates

- Wednesday 6th March – Bags2School – 9 a.m.
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – FOJ Book sale at pickup
- Friday 8th March – Whole school Science workshop a.m.
- Thursday 14th March – Year 1 & 2 Multi skills at Edwinstree School
- Thursday 14th March – Class 3 Netball skills at Roger de Clare School
- Thursday 14th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Monday 18th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursday 21st March – Rocksteady Music Concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 22nd March – Whole school P.E. Enrichment Day
- Thursday 28th March – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.
- Monday 15th April – Term begins
- Wednesday 24th April – Multi skills event for Class 3 at Roger de Clare a.m.
- Thursday 25th April – Class 3 Edge Outdoor Trip
- Tuesday 30th April – Football Festival for Class 2 at RTFC a.m.
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May – Dance Days workshop
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term
- Wednesday 12th June – Class photos
- Thursday 18th July – Rocksteady Music concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 19th July – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.

Friends of Jenyns

Braughing Wheelbarrow Race - Saturday 13th July 12 - 6pm



Hi everyone,

Just wanted to give you a heads up about the village Wheelbarrow Race meet-up we had on Monday. It's shaping up to be a blast with loads of fab attractions, stalls, yummy food and of course the races themselves! We talked through Friends of Jenyns running the bar and raffle stalls, and we have decided to go for it. With a bit more help - about 7-10 more parents - we'll be in a great position to run both stalls. So, yay, we're in!

Now, if you're a parent, grandparent, or a friend of a Jenyns child, could you do us a favour and check your calendars for that weekend? Even if you can only spare an hour, it would be a huge help. Every penny we make goes straight back into the school to give the kids awesome experiences like trips to wildlife parks, theatres, buying class books, bouncy castles, science days - the list goes on. School budgets are super tight, and this one event will raise enough money to keep these experiences going strong all of next year.

Nic and I will be at the Book Sale next Thursday if you want to chat more about the wheelbarrow race and how you can help out. And remember, it's not just about Saturday—Thursday night, Friday day, and Sunday help is all appreciated too! Not to mention raffle prizes!

As always, thank you for your continued support

Cheers, Anne

Bags2School will be collecting bags on the morning of Wednesday 6th March.

This is a great opportunity to clear out those unwanted items in your wardrobe while making money for our school!

Please leave bags by the school hall doors before 9am on the above date.

Thank you!

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Jenyns First School



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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 6 March 2024 by 9:00am

01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com



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WORLD BOOK DAY**



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3.20PM**

JENYNS SCHOOL

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